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tents raised on wooden platforms. Facilities include jacuzzi, restaurant, bar and hot-water bathrooms.
Gandoca-Manzanillo.
Tel: (506) 271 3000. www.almondsandcorals.com

EATING OUT

Cha Cha Cha! **

Enchanting Cahuita restaurant with varied menu including Mexican and Caribbean dishes. Jazz and world music adds to the atmosphere.
Cahuita. Tel: (506) 394 4153. Open: Tue–Sun noon–10pm.

SPORT AND LEISURE

Aquamor Adventures

Environmentally and socially conscientious diving specialist offering tours and courses.
Gandoca-Manzanillo.
Tel: (506) 391 3417. www.greencoast.com/aquamor

SOUTHERN ZONE

Southern mountains

ACCOMMODATION

Talari Mountain

Lodge **

Charming mountain lodge. Treks to Chirripó

can be organised. Breakfast included.
Rivas, 7km/4 miles south of San Isidro de El General. Tel: (506) 771 0341. www.talari.co.cr

Trogon Lodge ***

Alpine-style lodge near Parque Nacional Los Quetzales. Polished wooden cabins overlook a pond, surrounded by cloud forest. Activities include mountain-biking.
San Gerardo de Dota.
Tel: (506) 293 8181. www.grupomawamba.com

EATING OUT

Taquería México Lindo *

Traditional Mexican food (vegetarian options).
Av 2, Calle Central-1, San Isidro de El General.
Tel: (506) 771 8222. Open: 10am–8.30pm.

Kafe de la Casa **

Artsy café serving breakfast, lunch, snacks and coffees.
Av 3, Calle 2–4, San Isidro de El General.
Tel: (506) 770 4816. Open: 7am–8pm.

SPORT AND LEISURE

Costa Rica Trekking

Adventures

Multi-day treks in

various parks including Chirripó and Corcovado.
Tel: (506) 771 4582. www.chirripo.com

Dominical and Marino Balleno area

ACCOMMODATION

Cascada Verde *

Organic farm and retreat near Uvita village. Shared bathrooms. Restaurant serves vegetarian food.
Playa Uvita.

Hacienda Barú Lodge **

Eco-lodge with six two-bedroom self-catering cabins in a pristine wildlife refuge north of Dominical. Beaches, mangroves and rainforest are on the doorstep. Restaurant serves typical Costa Rican food. Good for families (children under 11 free).
Tel: (506) 787 0003/0004. www.haciendabaru.com

EATING OUT

Jungle Bistro **

Tasty tropical dishes.
Dominical. Tel: (506) 787 0091. Open: 5–11pm.

ENTERTAINMENT

Maracutú

Cheerful beach bar and restaurant featuring

vegetarian and vegan dishes. Different music every night, from reggae to world music. Live music on Sundays.
Dominical. Tel: (506) 811 3611. Open: Sun–Wed 11am–11pm.

SPORT AND LEISURE

Mystic Dive Centre

Scuba trips in Parque Nacional Marino Ballena.
Playa Ventanas.
Tel: (506) 788 8636. www.mysticdivecenter.com

Peninsula de Osa and Golfo Dulce

ACCOMMODATION

Corcovado Jungle Eco Lodge *

Inland from Bahía Drake, this bargain lodge has private cabins, lodge rooms, a treehouse and camping facilities, plus a botanical garden and fruit trees. Three organic meals a day for a supplement.
Tel: (506) 770 8209. www.corcovadojungleecolodge.com

Playa Preciosa Lodge ***

Beach lodge with four spacious split-level bungalows and eight platform tents. Breakfast

included and other meals are available.

Playa Platanares, near Puerto Jiménez.
Tel: (506) 818 2959. www.playa-preciosa-lodge.com

Tamandu Lodge ***

Run by a Guaymí family on a reserve bordering Corcovado. Guests stay in traditional-style wooden cabins on the farm and learn how to gather and prepare food as the Guaymí do (home-cooked meals included). Two-hour horse ride from La Palma.
Tel: (506) 821 4525. www.tamandu-lodge.com

Playa Nicuesa Rainforest Lodge ****

This lodge combines luxury with sustainability in the rainforest of Piedras Blancas. Beautifully crafted wooden rooms and cabins with balcony and porch, open-air solar-heated bathroom, fan and mosquito net. Children aged six and over welcomed. The excellent chef caters specially for vegetarians and dietary requirements. Communal dining room and bar area. Guests are collected

from Golfito or Puerto Jiménez by boat. Guided activities and tours.
Tel: (506) 222 0704. www.nicuesalodge.com. Closed: Nov.

EATING OUT

Pollosa **

Specialities are roast chicken, salads, sandwiches and pasta. Takeaway is available.
Puerto Jiménez.
Tel: (506) 735 5667. Open: Sun–Fri noon–9pm.

Il Giardino ***

Homemade pasta, fresh seafood and pizzas at breezy garden restaurant.
Puerto Jiménez. Tel: (506) 735 5129. Open: 10am–2pm & 5–10pm.

SPORT AND LEISURE

Corcovado Expeditions

Tours to Corcovado and Isla del Caño, speciality bird, frog and biking tours, plus bike rentals.
Tel: (506) 818 9962. www.corcovadoexpeditions.net

Osa Aventura

Specialist in Corcovado treks and tours.
Puerto Jiménez.
Tel: (506) 735 5670. www.osaaventura.com